



DAISI

Doctors Assisting In South-Pacific Islands

A Partnership with Shared Goals

Annual Report 2019

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Unincorporated charity

DAISI is a not-for-profit, Unincorporated Company.

Board Members are our current Directors.
Registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) from 26 January 2016.

Tax concessions and fundraising

Endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as:

- a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR); and
- an income tax exempt charity (holding tax concessions and exemptions relating to income, goods and services, and fringe benefits taxes).

Accreditation

A registered Not-for-profit charity with the Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission (ACNC).

Feedback and complaints

Feedback on this report and on our operations and conduct more generally can be sent to staff@daisi.com.au or in writing to:

DAISI PO Box 679 Crows Nest NSW 1585

We will acknowledge feedback and give a response. Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct can be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee.

About this Annual Report

This Annual Report covers our activities and performance for the financial year period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

It is our aim to be as transparent and accountable as possible to our donors and beneficiaries.

For our donors, this is our way of thanking you and

showing extreme appreciation for your generosity. It is also our way of showing the importance we place on reporting and obtaining audit of our activities, and satisfying our reporting obligations to all stakeholders, including donors, supporters, volunteers, partners, and everyone that has helped to make it work.

By showing our goals and activities, and high level of accountability with detailed annual reporting, we hope that we can inspire you, and continue to earn the trust that we have been privileged to have received so far.

We have also based this report on certain legal requirements expected of us by the ACNC and expected of all responsible charities according to the Code of Conduct of the Australian Council For International Development (ACFID).



Dr Sepehr Lajevardi
Chair

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Our Chair's Report



It's been another very busy year for DAISI. A few failings, but mostly many successes.

Trips this year

This year DAISI has sent seventeen volunteer teams to the South Pacific involving four countries (PNG, Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands) with 50 doctors and 16 nurses.

Membership for non-doctors

The contribution of nurses volunteering this year has been the best so far, resulting in DAISI having a rethink on its membership policy, now allowing doctors and non-doctors equal membership. This includes being able to vote and participate in elections. The role of stomal therapists and wound care nurses has been particularly important this year in establishing a more team-focused approach to the management of complicated diabetes-related wounds.

Clinical Governance

A major focus this year has been on establishing protocols, and clearly defined roles for Office Bearers, in order to improve service delivery and efficiency and accountability. DAISI has also focused on improving assessment and reporting of trips and outcomes in keeping with WHO and ACNC standards.

Elections

Elections are now open to members the month of October for the four Board Member positions (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, & Secretary) with voting open to all medical and non-medical DAISI members. Nominations are also open for new Office Bearer positions to be decided and voted on by the Board. If you haven't already voted online, please visit the "Elections" tab on our home page. Successful candidates will be announced at the Annual DAISI Charity Ball on Saturday 14th December 2019.

DAISI Charity Ball 2019

Based on feedback, this year's Annual DAISI Charity Ball will be even better than last year, being cheaper (only \$75 per person), and promises no long boring speeches. It will feature music and dancing and will be held Sat 14th Dec at Marigold Restaurant, Haymarket. Tickets are available online with all money raised will go towards medical supplies for the South Pacific.

Up until now, DAISI has been largely surgery focused, with the majority of members either surgeons or anaesthetists. I am pleased to announce that this year DAISI has sent more physicians to volunteer than previously. The cardiac rehabilitation and assessment clinic at National Referral Hospital and Gizo Hospital in the Solomon Islands organised by cardiologist Dr James Weaver has been a great success. The other huge burden in the South Pacific is diabetic related foot ulcers, with DAISI keen to be involved in preventative foot clinics. Our first psychiatry visit was also conducted this year at Kilu'ufi Hospital, Solomon Islands.

Budget

For the 2018-2019 financial year donations have totalled \$182,061, with most of this (\$132,534) spent on development projects. This represents 75% of Australian donations going to development projects, mostly towards sending DAISI teams and equipment to the South Pacific. DAISI also received a large donation of \$15,000 donated by the Owen Miller Foundation, which has paid for two shipping containers to PNG Highlands, and hopefully a third one next year.

Sepehr Lajevardi
Chair

A photograph of a surgical team in an operating room. Several surgeons wearing masks and scrubs are focused on a procedure. A large overhead surgical light illuminates the scene. The text "Creating Change Through Education" is overlaid in the center.

Creating Change Through Education

Laparoscopic Surgery Program

The laparoscopic surgery program has been a core feature of many DAISI surgical visits to the South Pacific, and is an example of the need for ongoing education over an extended period of time to ensure the safe adoption of skills necessary for autonomous proficiency.

Laparoscopic surgery has a very definite steep and difficult learning curve with it taking repeated practice and continual training to adequately teach and acquire the skills necessary to reach autonomous proficiency.

Laparoscopic surgery has a particular use in provincial areas of the South Pacific, most notably in women and children, where abdominal CT scan or MRI are not available to assess complaints of the abdomen. Many of these complaints can be quite serious or even life threatening and traditionally have required major open surgery to make a diagnosis. For this reason, the teaching of competency in basic laparoscopic surgery has been a major focus of DAISI surgical trips to the South Pacific.

Laparoscopy allows visualisation of the inside of the abdomen with a camera through small incisions. It also allows minor surgeries to be

performed. Often the cause of pain is due to infection or pus, which resolves quickly with laparoscopic washout of the abdomen. In this way, laparoscopic surgery allows a quick diagnosis, but also in some cases, minimally invasive treatment and hence a quick recovery.

DAISI's first laparoscopic program was at Gizo Hospital in remote Western Province of the Solomon Islands, first implemented in 2015.

This year colorectal surgeon Dr Carina Chow introduced laparoscopic surgery to Sopas Hospital in the remote highlands of PNG for the first time.

Initially simulator training was provided to teach the basics of laparoscopic port placement, handling of long grasper instruments, and viewing of 3D structures as a 2D image on the monitor. Once these basic skills are learnt on a simulator, the next phase of learning involves real life surgery for very simple cases with local surgeons buddied up with an expert surgeon. In this manner the trainee is taken through various techniques, with the surgeon first performing followed by the trainee, the so call "see one, do one" approach to teaching.

So far this year a total of three surgical visits have occurred with laparoscopic skills further developed with each successive trip. It has been extremely fascinating and rewarding to see the enthusiasm and



Local surgeon Dr Max Pangali training on the laparoscopic simulator at Sopas Hospital in the remote highlands of PNG.

ownership shown by the local surgeons at Sopas Hospital who in a very short time have made tremendous leaps and bounds in acquiring the necessary laparoscopic surgery skills to be competent at basic laparoscopic surgery.

There will always be room for further improvement, with repeated trips already planned.



Good Governance **the key to Lasting Change**

Vascular surgeon Prof Rob Fitridge conducting diabetic foot clinic planning meeting with doctors and nurses from National Referral Hospital, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Supervision of Downstream Partners

DAISI takes the great pride in its Governance structure role, and the collegiate relationship it has with its Downstream Partners.

Accountability to our stakeholders requires us to ensure that projects with out partners are adequately planned, implemented and followed up on with continual monitoring, reflection, and adjustment to ensure ongoing high quality lasting outcomes.

DAISI aims to provide its donors the best possible return for their investment with a long-term vision and relationship with its downstream partners with repeated visits, negotiation, assessment aimed at local capacity building and self reliance.

Incumbent to this is the requirement for DAISI to adequately assess, monitor and provide feedback to its Downstream Partners. DAISI takes great pride in doing this well in a conciliatory, collegiate manner, with patience, and a great deal of cultural sensitivity, treading carefully to avoid “muddying the waters”.



A photograph of two healthcare professionals, a woman on the left and a man on the right, standing in a clinical setting. The woman is wearing light blue scrubs and a blue surgical cap, smiling at the camera. The man is wearing grey scrubs and a green surgical cap. Between them is a medical cart with a large monitor on top and two smaller devices below it. The word "Projects" is overlaid in large orange text across the center of the image.

Projects

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5 programmes across the South-Pacific

1
Programme

2
Programmes

1
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Programme

Solomon Islands
4 National Referral Hospital (Honiara)
5 Gizo Hospital

Kiribati
1 Tungara Central Hospital

Vanuatu
3 Northern Provincial Hospital

Papua New Guinea
3 Sopas Hospital

**17 trips &
66 volunteers this year**

10 Total trips

Solomon Islands

- 1 gynaecology (Gizo)
- 1 general & head and Neck (Gizo)
- 1 colorectal (Gizo)
- 1 general surgery (Gizo)
- 1 diabetic foot clinic (Honiara)
- 1 general surgery (Honiara)
- 1 gynaecology (Honiara)

1 Total trip

Kiribati

- 1 colorectal (Tungaru)

3 Total trips

Vanuatu

- 1 general surgery (Luganville)
- 1 head & neck(Luganville)
- 1 O&G (Luganville)

3 Total trips

Papua New Guinea

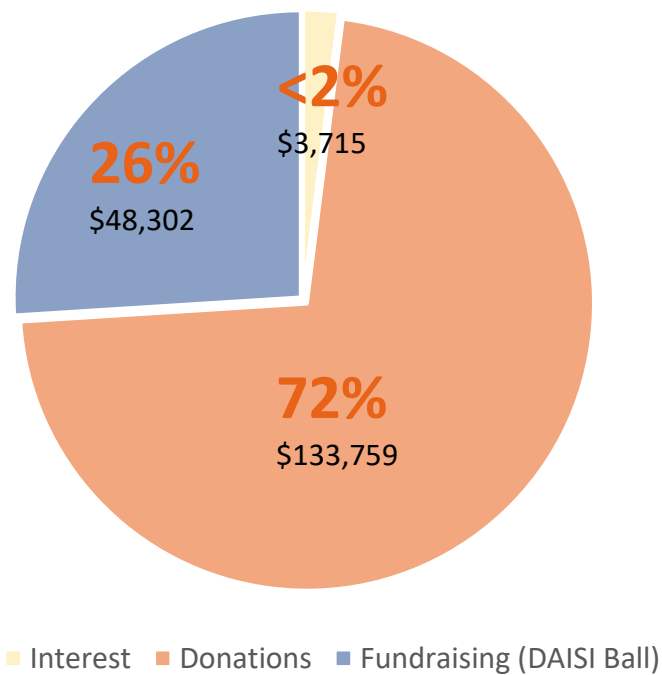
- 2 colorectal & laparoscopic (Sopas)
- 1 head & neck(Sopas)

A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water in the middle ground, surrounded by lush greenery and tall trees. In the foreground, there is a dirt path leading towards a traditional thatched-roof hut. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The word "Finance" is overlaid in the center in a bold, orange font.

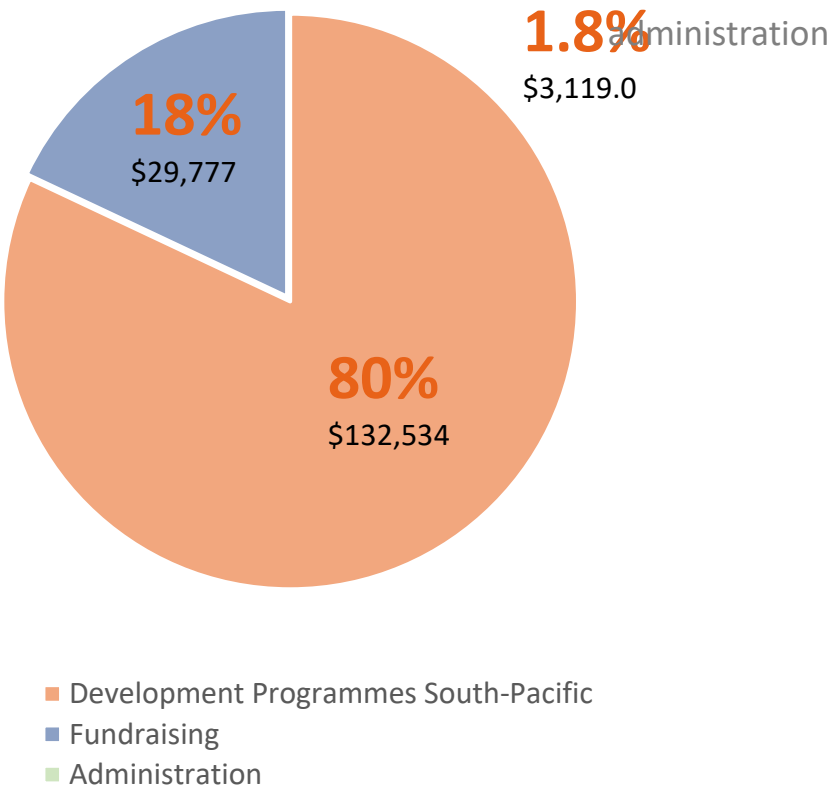
Finance

How Funds Were Spent (2018/2019 Financial Year)

Income \$185,777.00



Money Spent \$165,431.00



Statement of Financial Position (End 2018/2019 Financial Year)

Total Assets	\$18,989.00 ^[1]
Total Liability	\$0.00 ^[2]

1. At end of financial year 30th June 2019 DAISI had no liability
2. At end of financial year 30th June 2019 DAISI had total assets of \$18,989.00



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